

MR. FOLLOWS ON THE BUDGET ARGUMENT OVER SUMMONS

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Rehabilitation expenditure continues to be charged to loan funds but these will probably be exhausted by the end of the financial year 1950/51, and even now it has been necessary to provide for certain rehabilitation items in the current budget as their cost could not be met from the balance of the departmental loan allocations still remaining.

This may sound a little odd when it is remembered that, although we have taken the necessary powers to float a loan not exceeding \$150,000,000, we have so far only made a first issue of \$50,000,000. The reason, as I explained when moving the first reading of the Loan Ordinance, is that it has been possible to utilise the large floating balance available on the Supplies, Trade & Industry Trading Account to finance capital expenditure. Unfortunately, these balances are not as large as they were and they will not always be available, but there is naturally no point in making a further loan issue until we really need the money. Our aim has been to avoid the payment of interest charges as long as possible.

In framing the budget for the coming year, the aim of Government has been once more to achieve a balance between revenue and expenditure without drawing on the surplus which will result from the present year's working. In this we have been successful, but only thanks to the fact that there are considerable arrears of revenue which will be collected next year.

Expenditure is estimated at \$149,005,007 and the anticipated revenue figure is \$150,847,950, thus providing for a surplus of \$1,842,943.

Uncertain Conditions

In the uncertain conditions now prevailing throughout the world, it is difficult to arrive at a reliable estimate of revenue, but in working out the figure of \$150,847,950 for the coming year, due weight has been given to the various factors which might affect the position, and, in particular, a reasonable allowance has been made for a possible falling off in trade, of which there are already some indications. It is always possible, however, that some entirely unexpected development may occur which may seriously affect the whole revenue position.

I should not like it to be thought that, on the present basis of taxation, it will be possible for the Colony to look forward in the future to a revenue of some \$150,000,000. It is true that there is every reason to hope that this figure will be reached in respect of the year just closing, but 1947/48 was a boom year for trade. We cannot expect that state of affairs to continue, and next year's estimate only provides for a normal revenue of just over \$140,000,000, the balance of \$10,000,000 being made up by arrears of Earnings and Profits Tax which cannot be collected before the close of the present financial year.

It will be recollected that when the 1947/48 Estimates were presented to this Council, the standard rate for the new Earnings and Profits Tax had not been fixed and it was only possible to include a token figure which was taken at \$16,000,000. Owing to difficulties over the recruitment of assessors, the collection of tax is considerably in arrears and it is expected that receipts up to the end of the present financial year will only total about \$14,000,000 though the total amount due in respect of the present year is estimated at \$30,000,000. The staff position has improved latterly and it is hoped that it will improve still further next year. It is, however, unlikely that assessments will be up to date by the end of the financial year 1948/49, although arrears outstanding should be on a considerably smaller scale than at present.

Income Tax Arrears

In 1948/49 it is expected that it will be possible to collect \$40,000,000 including arrears carried over from the present year. So although we are budgeting for a revenue of just over \$150,000,000, only \$140,000,000 of that is normal revenue and this does not balance our estimated expenditure of just over \$149,000,000. This is not a very happy outlook for the future and it is clear that before we meet for next year's budget session, we must either decide to cut our expenditure drastically or to increase our revenue which, of course, means further taxation. Since the reoccupation, we have not been content with re-establishing services on their old basis. We have expanded in a number of directions but we shall now have to go slow on any further expansion.

As I have already stated, the expenditure estimate is \$149,005,007. Before the Estimates were prepared, Heads of Departments were informed that no new services would be approved unless an exceptionally strong case in support of the increased expenditure could be put forward. All departmental expenditure has been carefully examined, and efforts have been made to reduce it to the minimum necessary to maintain efficiency. This is especially important in view of the extra strain thrown upon the Colony's budget by the new revised scale of salary and, in the final review of the expenditure estimates, I was fortunate enough to have the assistance of the Unofficial Members of this Council sitting as an Estimates Committee. The Heads of the larger spending departments appeared before this Committee in person and, for my part, I feel sure that the measure of unofficial collaboration in the preparation of the Estimates has been of great value to all parties concerned. It will now only remain for the Select Committee on the Estimates to put my final touches to that may be required and to consider any points that may be raised in the course of the debate on the Second Reading of the Appropriation Bill.

Personal Emoluments

The effects of the salary revision are, of course, apparent throughout the Estimates, and their preparation was complicated by the difficulty which was experienced in obtaining final Personal Emolument figures from departments owing to the inevitable delays in settling conversion points, etc. Indeed, some departments have only been able to supply their final figures during the present week, and besides the obvious printing difficulties, this has meant that I have had no firm totals to work on until the very last moment.

Personal Emoluments, which cover basic salaries only, are now estimated at \$41,022,521, to which must be added a figure of \$22,600,000 provided under the Miscellaneous Services Head in respect of cost of living allowance. Railway cost of living allowances also amount to \$800,000. This makes a total of \$64,422,521. The total expenditure estimate of \$149,005,007 and compares with \$48,597,001 which is estimated to be the sum which will actually be spent on salaries, allowances, etc. during the present year. \$64,422,521 is undoubtedly a very large proportion to devote to Personal Emoluments during the coming year and this, and the scale of expenditure generally, is causing Government much concern.

It is generally agreed that the Public Service has, since the reoccupation, been much underpaid. A new scale of salaries has been introduced, which we hope has resulted in a general improvement. The next step is to review departmental establishments with a view to reducing this large Personal Emoluments Bill, of which over 60% is expended on the wages of the lower grades of subordinate staff. Human labour used to be cheap in the East and there was no great urge to keep staffs to a minimum or to introduce machines.

Changed Position

The position has changed completely, and we can no longer afford to pay a single employee more than is strictly necessary. In recommending the new scales, the Salaries Commission expressed the view that Government

should satisfy itself that the Public Services are not overstaffed nor the asylum of inefficient officers. As Your Excellency has already stated this afternoon, we hope shortly to secure the services of an efficiency expert.

Pending his arrival, an officer experienced in personnel matters has been detailed to undertake certain preliminary investigations. Other changes for 1948/49, including Public Works Extraordinary and Special Expenditure, total \$91,599,926, as compared with a figure of \$87,289,625 for the year which is just closing. In both cases, these figures include cost of living allowances. Special Expenditure, including Public Works Extraordinary, total \$6,714,000. Last year it was possible to charge practically all Special Expenditure to loan funds, but now it is necessary to provide for replacements of equipment which has been in use since the reoccupation, including items of war-time manufacture, such as barges which are not built to last. Expenditure of this type would not be a fair charge against loan funds and it is also necessary to provide under Special Expenditure for rehabilitation items which cannot be met from the balance of departmental loan allocations which still remains unspent.

Since the reoccupation, we have been chiefly engaged in making good the damage caused by looting, enemy action and by the lack of maintenance during the Japanese occupation. Expenditure of this type was a fair charge against loan funds but now we have reached the stage when we wish to provide for works which are not replacements of something that existed before the war. It would not be appropriate to charge such expenditure to loan funds, and that is why the Head Public Works Extraordinary has again become one of the most important heads of the Estimates. I propose to comment a little later on the various items which make up the expenditure of \$9,028,600.

Temporary Depts.

The temporary departments, such as the Custodian of Property Department and the Supplies, Trade & Industry Department, which do not normally form part of the Colonial Government machine, are not running down as rapidly as was hoped. Of the former, only a comparatively small organisation now remains. The S.C.A.P. insist that Japanese trade should be conducted on a Government to Government basis, thus preventing much progress being made in reducing the staff of the latter department.

The work of many of the permanent Government departments is still greatly in excess of that for which the present establishments were designed, but particular care has been taken to ensure that no additions are made to the personnel staff until we can gauge the requirements of departments under normal conditions and until it is possible to drop or revise the scale of that for which the present establishments are still being provided, and in order to ensure full financial control, every employee paid from these votes is listed in footnotes under each departmental Head.

In the course of last year's budget debate, some Honourable Members commented on the lack of comparative tables in the Estimates and the absence of any actual expenditure figures. I explained that it was only possible to give actual expenditure figures in respect of the last year but one and that sufficient time had not then elapsed since the liberation for there to be a last year but one. We now have actual expenditure figures for the first eleven months of Civil Administration ending the 31st March, 1947, and the usual comparative table giving these figures, together with the approved estimate and revised estimate for 1947/48, and of course the estimate for 1948/49 is being restored in the Estimates this year. The Memorandum on the Estimates has also been drawn up in a rather different form so that it shows under each Head of Expenditure the actual expenditure for 1947/48, the approved estimate for 1947/48, the approved estimate for 1948/49.

Simplified Estimates

I hope that Honourable Members will find this of assistance in their examination of the Estimates. It may contribute to a more complete understanding of the year just closing, and the year just closing is rendered very difficult by the fact that all salaries are on an

entirely different basis. Honourable Members will find, too, that the efforts which have been made since the reoccupation to simplify the Estimates have been continued and that they now take up considerably less space in print.

I will now touch briefly on some of the more important items of expenditure under the various departmental Heads. The Development Secretariat and its various sub-departments have continued to do useful work, and mention of this Department, which is responsible for the Vegetable Marketing Scheme, brings me to an addition to the Estimates which it is proposed to make in Select Committee. At present, the vegetable auctions have been taking place in a dilapidated Tobacco Factory but the owner wishes to renovate the building and it is necessary for the Vegetable Marketing Scheme to find a new home. A site has been selected and estimates have been prepared for a market but it has proved impossible to provide all that is required for a lower figure than \$400,000. The matter has been discussed by the Estimates Committee and it has been agreed that Government should either make a loan to the Vegetable Marketing Scheme or that the Government should build a market and charge an economic rent. The necessary amendment will be considered when the Estimates come before Select Committee.

The title of the Directorate of Air Services has been changed to Civil Aviation Department. A general increase in staff has been provided for to meet the considerable rise in the volume of air traffic which is now including Hong Kong in its territory. Formerly R.A.F. personnel were responsible for manning a number of control and radio services but these have now been withdrawn and it has been necessary to engage civilian staff to replace them.

Charitable Grants

All grants to charitable institutions which were formerly scattered over a variety of expenditure heads have now been collected together under a new Head entitled "Subventions". The grants were reviewed this year by the newly established Social Welfare Advisory Committee who recommended a number of increases. There were also applications for a number of entirely new grants and the final effect of all this was to bring the total of proposed payments to the formidable figure of \$1,157,132, which represents an increase of some \$700,000 over the 1947/48 figure. The Estimates Committee felt that this was a great deal more than the Colony could afford. They fully appreciated that the proposed new grants were for very deserving objects and that in recommending increases in certain grants, the Social Welfare Advisory Committee had examined the matter very thoroughly, but they saw no alternative to a scaling down in the directions best able to bear it. The Social Welfare Officer was called into consultation and the figures now amounting to \$733,530, represent the results of this further review. This figure is still over \$400,000 in excess of the figure for the year just closing.

I will now pass on to education. The increase in the number of subsidised vernacular schools has necessitated the appointment of one additional Inspector of Vernacular Schools and one woman Inspector of Vernacular Schools. Provision is also made under this Head for financial assistance to former members of the local Forces whose University education was interrupted by the outbreak of hostilities. It is only possible to provide financial assistance in cases where the student is not able to bear the full cost of the University course himself, and it will be for the University Authorities to recommend the proportion which should be met from Government funds.

Teachers in Training
A considerable increase under the Sub-Head "Subventions Allowances to Uncertificated Teachers in Training" has been provided for because it has been found that uncertificated teachers are not prepared to undergo the necessary training for their certificates. If, while doing so, they only receive a subsistence allowance, of a smaller amount than their salaries as uncertificated teachers, they are likely to take the shorter qualification and to obviate an shortage of certificated teachers in the future, it will be necessary to provide for their training.

The Polish Premier, Joseph Cyrulnicki, announced on Thursday that the Polish Socialist Party contemplates to merge with the Communist Workers' Organisation. Associated Press.

Successful Objections By The Defence

AIR MAIL TO JAPAN Police Officers In Court

The Postmaster-General announces that a weekly air mail service to Japan will commence on Thursday, Mar. 24.

Mail for this service will close in Kowloon Post Office at 2.00 p.m. and at General Post Office at 3.30 p.m. on Wednesday, Mar. 24. Postage: letters, 60 cents per half ounce, Air Letter Forms 40 cents each. Post-cards 20 cents each. No registered mail can be accepted at present.

Defendants, represented by Mr. A.S.C. Comber, Mr. J.M. d'Almada Remedios and Mr. Hin Shing Lo, will appear again on March 24 at 2.30 p.m. on new summonses to be taken up by Mr. F.F.W. Shaftain, O.B.E.

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"Your Worship, before we proceed may we know in what capacity Mr. Shaftain is appearing in this matter?" Mr. Remedios inquired. "If this is a Crown case, Mr. Shaftain should furnish authority to prosecute on behalf of the Crown. But if this is a private prosecution Mr. Shaftain has no locus standi because he has no professional status in this case."

"Facts Serious"

Mr. Shaftain replied: "I am appearing on instructions from Crown Counsel. The facts are so serious that it is necessary for the good of the Police Force that I prosecute in person."

The Magistrate then pointed out that the summonses were made out with his (Mr. Shaftain's) name as complainant.

Mr. Shaftain whereupon made a formal application for substitution of his name by that of Kwan Shing.

Defence counsel strongly objected to this. Mr. Comber asserted that any amendment to the present summonses would be tantamount to a new action. Mr. d'Almada referred Section 69 (Magistrate Ordinance) to the defence counsel.

"I have no quarrel with that section, Sir," Mr. Remedios said, "but I take exception to substituting one complainant for another."

Mr. Shaftain interposed saying that the police decided to summons the defendants instead of putting them on the charge sheets. Had that been done there would have been no defence objections to the Police prosecuting.

In Error

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Personalia

Passengers for Bangkok by P.A.A. Clipper yesterday: Lionel Golden, Alexander E. Hughes and John Horrocks.

The forthcoming weddings have been announced:

Lawrence Coway of 17 Lock Road, Kowloon, to Suzanne Taus of 3 Somerset Road, Kowloon.

Henrique Alvaro Soares of Messrs. Gibb Livingston & Co., Ltd., to Maria Wilhelmina Versteeg, Holland.

Raymond Eugene Marie Devaux, Far East Oxygen Co., to Eileen Jeannette Stevens nee De Bierre, Peninsula Hotel.

The wedding of Mr. Lo Ching-kang, Merchant, 142 Yee Kuk Street, Kowloon, to Miss Hon Sau-ching, 9 On Lan Street, took place at the Supreme Court Registry in the presence of Mr. Lo Shu-pao and Mr. Hon Yan-lam. The bride is the sister of Mr. Alfred Y. Hon, well-known Solicitor.

MURDER CHARGE
Before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday were Leung Wing and Leung Ngai, charged with the murder of Ip Woon-hin, 32, taxi driver, on Feb. 10 at Victoria Road.

DSI Willerton conducted the proceedings, which were adjourned to March 24 and 25 at 4.00 p.m.

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New Bills Passed

The Bill to amend the Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance 1943 passed its first reading in Legislative Council yesterday.

The amendment takes the form of a repeal of clause 2 and substitutes for it a new procedure whereby a search of the Registers can only be made by the Registrar upon the request of an interested party and, if required, a new certificate issued. The purpose of the change is to circumvent the traffic in birth certificates.

The Bill moved by the Hon. Mr. M.K. Lo at the last session of Council for converting the currency of the capital of the Grand Hotel des Wagon Lits Ltd. from Peking to Hong Kong Dollars, passed its second and third reading yesterday.

The title of Director of Air Services, and that of the Directorate under his charge, were changed by a motion in Legislative Council yesterday, to Director of Civil Aviation and Civil Aviation Department respectively.

Evaded His Tram Fare

A 28-year-old newspaper copy reader, Wong Lau, appeared at Central Magistracy before Mr. F. X. d'Almada yesterday charged with evading tram fare.

Convicted by Mr. d'Almada Wong was fined \$50 or four weeks imprisonment.

Tram Inspector Anthony Chan said that at 5.15 p.m. last Thursday he was inspecting tickets aboard Tram No. 82 near the Central Market and was given a false ticket by defendant, who took it out of his breast pocket.

Defendant insisted that it was the one he was given when he paid his 20 cent fare.

At the No. 7 Police Station, defendant then mentioned about having a month's ticket, which he said he had lost a few days ago.

Wong, residing at No. 69, Electric Road, second floor, said he had lost his monthly ticket and that he picked up the ticket which he had dropped, when he saw the inspector.

COLLABORATOR TO DIE

Ho Yam-chol, alleged Chinese collaborator handed over to the Chinese authorities last year by the Hong Kong Government under the Chinese Collaborators Surrender Ordinance, was sentenced to death by the Canton High Court on Thursday, according to Chinese press messages yesterday.

He was allegedly found guilty of collaborating with the Japanese to the extent of causing the death of civilians.

RADIO

25W Hong Kong broadcast on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m. and from 4.00 to 5.00 p.m. and also on 9.55 megacycles in the 51 metre band from 12.30 to 1.30, 4.30 to 5.30 and 5.40 to 11.00 a.m.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.35 p.m.—"Music for Romance" New Records and the 25th Anniversary with Jack Cooper to sing. (B.B.C.S.)

1.00 p.m.—"Begin the Beguine."

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Miscellaneous.

1.30 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.40 p.m.—Dance Music—Orchestra.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

4.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

4.15 p.m.—"Victory with Glad Tidings (Vocal).

4.30 p.m.—"My Heart for You" song by Marlene Dietry. (B.B.C.S.)

4.45 p.m.—"Glad Tidings" song by Marlene Dietry. (B.B.C.S.)

5.00 p.m.—London News World and News Review.

5.15 p.m.—Radio "Glad Tidings" song by Marlene Dietry. (B.B.C.S.)

5.30 p.m.—Dance Music—Orchestra.

5.45 p.m.—Close Down.

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THE LET'S HAVE A LOOK AROUND

BUT SHE DIDN'T FIND THEM ALL, JUST A FRAGMENT, AND UNLESS I'M MISTAKEN, GENUINE SANDWICH OR CAMBRIDGE

SAY YOU'RE SHARP, MISTER! THAT'S WHAT SHE CALLED IT, THE CAMBRIDGE LAMP, I CLAIMED THERE WASN'T MORE THAN THREE OR FOUR IN THE WORLD

WHAT DID SHE DO WITH THE PIECE?

GAVE 'EM TO HER HANDY MAN, OR DANCYMAN, I'D CALL HIM, 'MOUSTACHE WAX' HAIR, ALWAYS HIM AROUND LIKE A PET POODLE

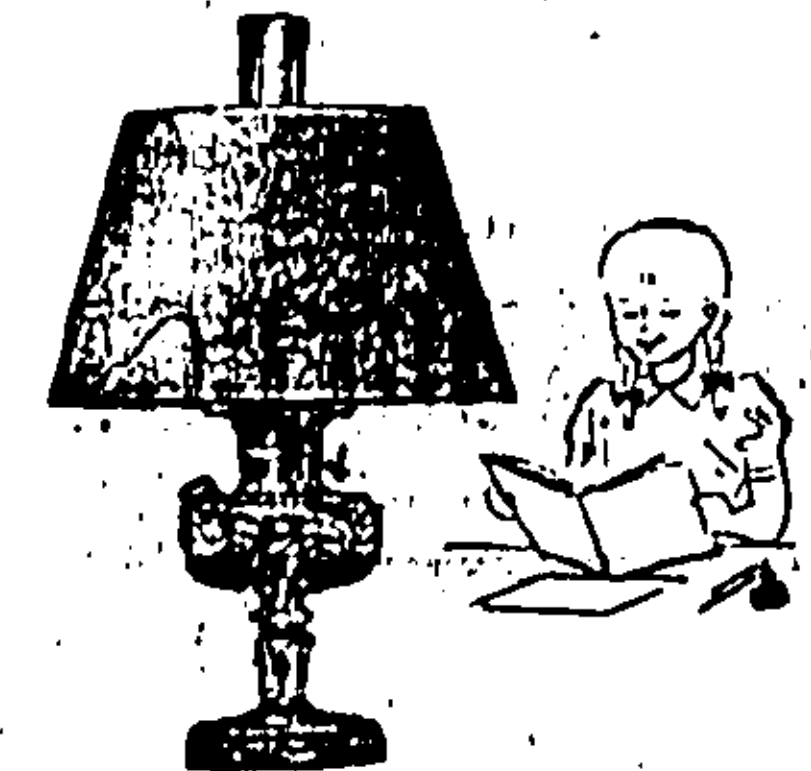


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A Pause To Consolidate Western Union Group And U.S. Watching Soviet Next Step Will Depend On Moscow's Reaction

London, Mar. 18.—A pause in which to consolidate the momentous plans launched yesterday in Brussels and Washington and to gauge the reaction of the Soviet Government is expected in diplomatic quarters in London before the Western Union powers or the United States take fresh measures.

And on the reaction of the Soviet Government to yesterday's signature of the treaty of Brussels by the French, British and Benelux Governments and its blessing from Washington by President Truman will depend the future policy of the Western powers.

Opinion was divided among observers here on whether Moscow would accept the current Cominform programme in the light of the rallying of the West, to which President Truman gave a more specifically anti-Communist slant than did the European Foreign Ministers at their Brussels ceremony.

Continued vigorous support for the Italian Communists in the election campaign preceding the polling on April 18 is expected to remain a basic feature of Soviet policy.

If the moves in the West are not followed by a fresh diplomatic offensive from Moscow, there is unlikely to be any further sensational development outside the Soviet-dominated world.

Consolidation

Attention will be turned to consolidating the schemes already announced. Further accessions to the Western Union, the simplest form of extending Western security, are unlikely until the new international unit has found its feet. But they are only unlikely if the Soviet Government refrains from hitting back. And it is for a hint of the reaction from the Kremlin that the news from Moscow is now being actively watched in diplomatic quarters in London.

Britain, warmly welcoming the signing of the Brussels pact, will not hear Parliamentary views on it until a foreign affairs debate, which Mr. Herbert Morrison, leader of the House of Commons, promised to discuss today "in the distant future."

A Labour Member, Mr. Mackay, asked for time for a discussion of a motion in his name and those of any other Members which "urges the creation of a United States of Europe, through to save European democracy"—and a long-term policy to bring about a Federation of Europe.

Mr. Morrison said he thought but could be dealt with in the foreign affairs debate.

Conservative Resolution

A resolution welcoming the signing of the Brussels treaty, "signifying as it does the imperative need for Western civilisation to organise itself against Communist aggression," was passed unanimously by the Conservative Central Council at its annual meeting here today.

The resolution "urged the widening of the Brussels pact with the approval and support of the Commonwealth."

In Brussels, the Belgian Government today prepared for immediate Parliamentary ratification of the pact signed yesterday by Britain, France and the Benelux countries.

Giving a lead to the other four nations in the new alliance, Belgium tabled a Parliamentary Bill to ratify the pact within 24 hours.

The Senators cheered loudly when the Belgian Prime Minister, Mr. Paul Henri Spaak, introduced the Bill this afternoon. Prompt steps by Britain, France, Holland and Luxembourg to ratify the agreement are expected to follow.

New Council

Another swift move to translate the alliance into reality was a decision by the five Foreign Ministers to convene the Permanent Consultative Council here next week, to discuss its own functions.

The Dutch Foreign Minister, Jan van Bieveland, promised to return to the Hague today, and Mr. Ernest Bevin is to return to London tomorrow morning.

M. Georges Bidault, the French Foreign Minister, already back in Paris, said on arrival that he had been "very satisfied with what had been accomplished."

Economic and defence planning are regarded as the most urgent tasks now and the forthcoming visit of Field Marshal Smuts to London is expected to discuss these matters.

Secret Telegrams

The reason the British Government felt it could not agree to the publication of telegrams exchanged between the British and Canadian Governments relating to the international situation in the Far East, it was given in the House of Commons today.

Mr. Patrick Gordon Walker, Under-Secretary to the Ministry of Commonwealth Relations, said: "Such telegrams are framed on the basis that they will not be published, and the whole system of secret telegrams would be undermined if they were."

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New Menace To Greece Reported

Washington, Mar. 18.—State Department dispatches report that 30,000 troops in Soviet-backed "international brigades" are in the Balkans in position to attack across the border into Greece.

The troops, largely Greek ex-patriates and Albanians, are reported to be deployed in three divisions.

American officials said the evidence indicated overall Russian military direction of the stepped up anti-Greek campaign.

Police Stoned At Kumasi

Accra, Gold Coast, Mar. 18.—Police were stoned with rocks and roadblocks at Kumasi, 120 miles north of Accra, in new Gold Coast disturbances today.

The roadblocks were built during the night, and a large crowd, which had assembled during the day, dispersed by tear gas.

Chiefs of the Kumasi Divisional Council appealed to the police for help when hostile crowds met them as they assembled yesterday. Sixty-three people were arrested.

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Secret Telegrams

The reason the British Government felt it could not agree to the publication of telegrams exchanged between the British and Canadian Governments relating to the international situation in the Far East, it was given in the House of Commons today.

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Verdoux Claim Thrown Out

Paris, Mar. 18.—The claim, by a Paris bank clerk, M. Henri Verdoux, for 5,000,000 francs damages against the producers and distributors of the Charles Chaplin film "Monsieur Verdoux" was dismissed by a Paris court today.

Costs were awarded to the defendants.

The court held M. Verdoux's plea was ill-founded. He was not present in court when the judgment was given.

M. Verdoux's claim, his reputation and his peace of mind and well-being had suffered through exhibition in Paris of the film, showing a man of his name as a murderer. He alleged six points in common with the central figure of the film: Christian name, surname, employment in a bank, being married, being the father of a boy of five, and being a specialist in financial matters.

The defence was that there was no real resemblance between M. Verdoux and his screen name, as the screen Verdoux was middle-aged with grey hair while M. Verdoux was a young man with brown hair.

The conventional clause declaring all personages were fictitious had appeared at the beginning of each showing of the film.

New Wave Of Arrests

Berlin, Mar. 18.—The Berlin Socialist Press stated today that the Russians and German Communists are staging a big new wave of arrests against non-Communist German political leaders in the Soviet occupation zone.

These allegations follow closely on reliable information that "action committees" like those which seized power in Czechoslovakia have been established.

Official charges have been made by American authorities that a "reign of terror" is being waged against non-Communist leaders in the Soviet sector of Berlin.

The arrest wave, the "Telegraph" said, centred in the city of Halle, in Saxony. It asserted that 32 persons, mostly industrial leaders and public officials, were arrested there in the last few days. Nearly all were reported to be Liberal Democrats.

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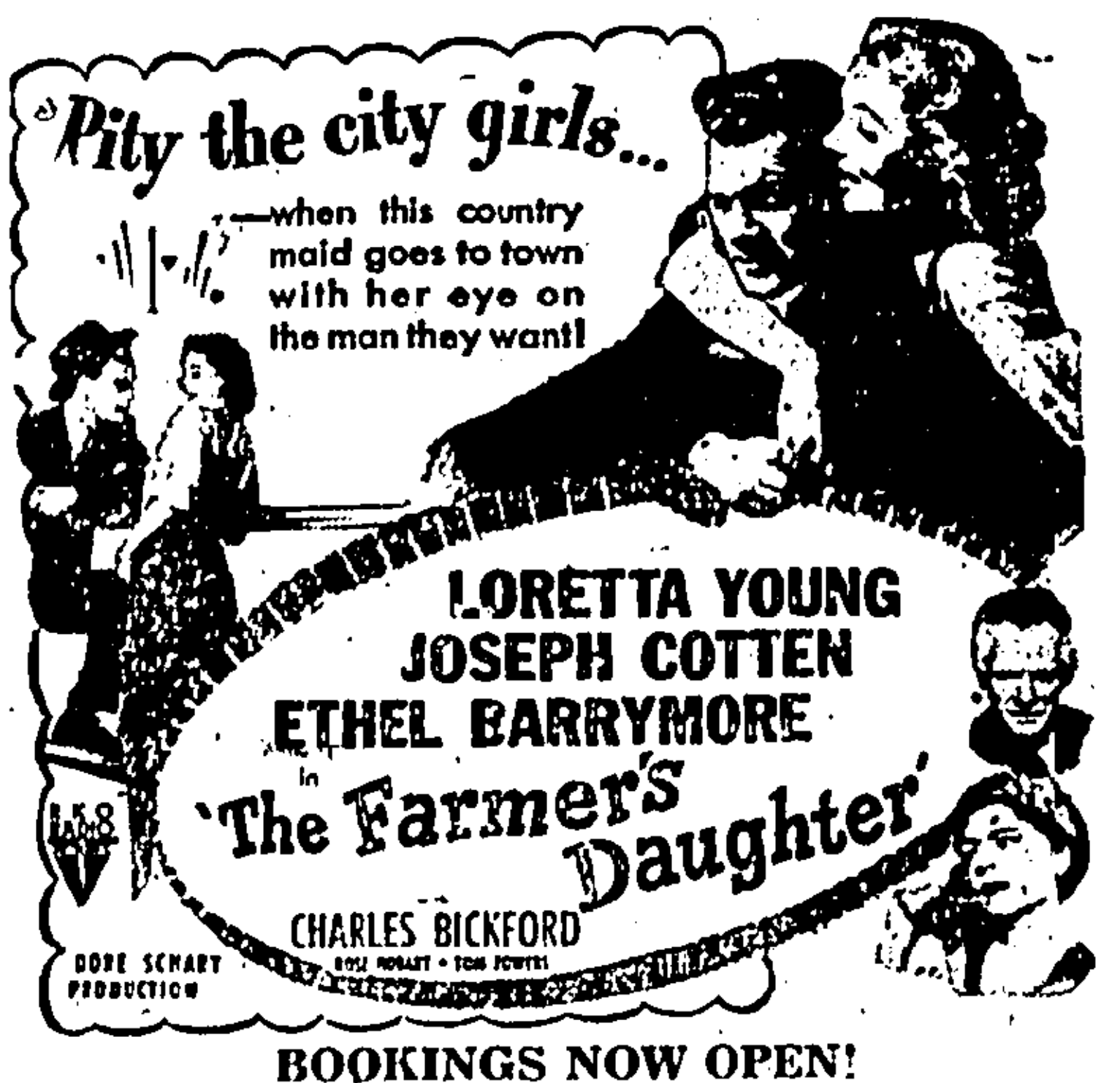
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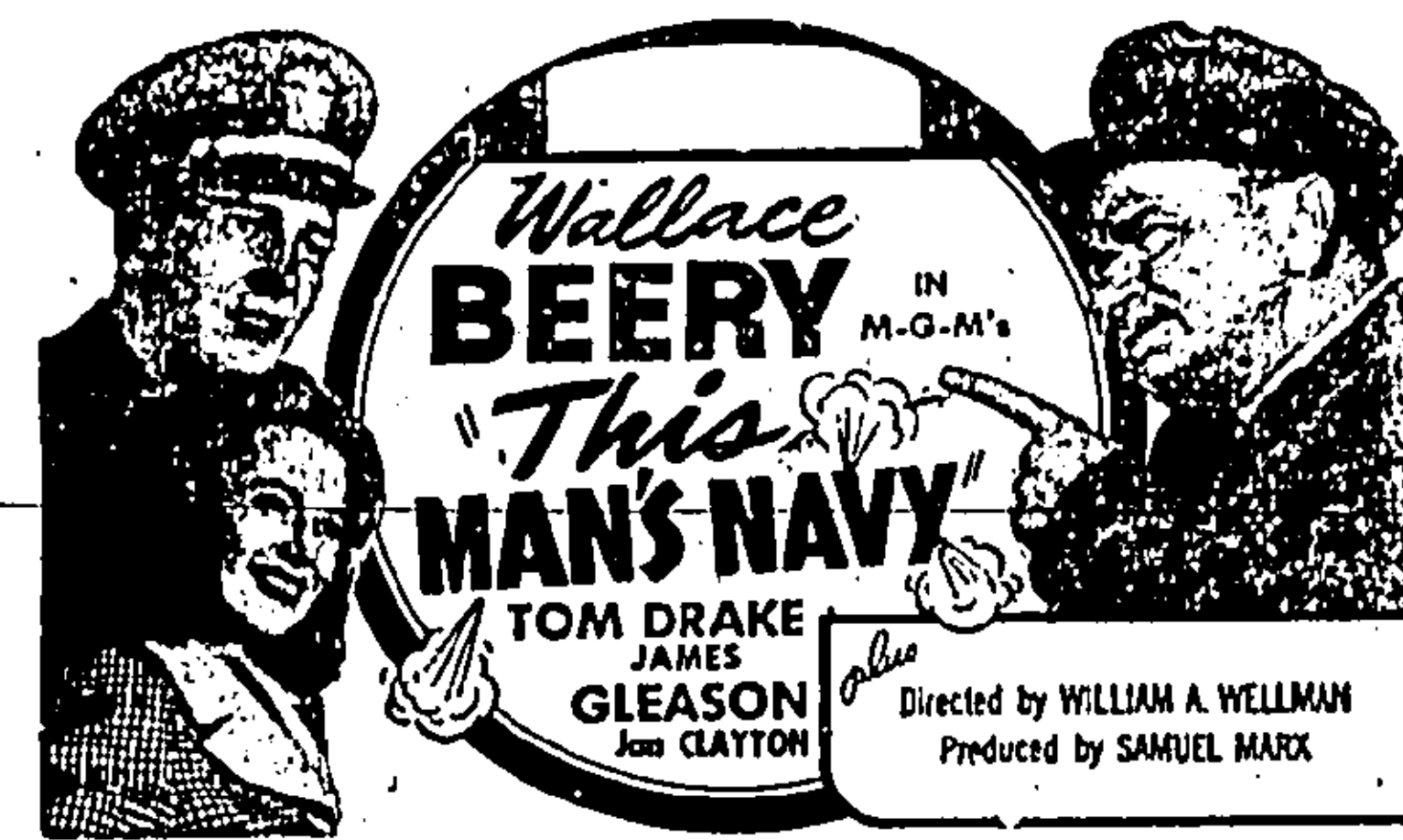


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RUSSIANS ARRESTED IN PARIS RAID: TO BE DEPORTED

Paris, Mar. 18. France will expel a number of Soviet citizens who met last night to reconstitute the banned Union of Soviet Citizens, it was officially announced here tonight.

Hundreds of people from countries east of the "iron curtain" were questioned by French security police in a large-scale check-up of foreigners' activities in France in connection with the arrest of Professor Odinetz.

The French Ministry of the Interior declared today: "The French Government has discovered that the Union of Soviet Citizens, dissolved by a decree on December 15, was reconstituted in secrecy, that its new directing committee met regularly in different places.

"On account of this breach of the law, the members of the directing committee, who were present at this meeting, were taken to the premises of the Ministry for interrogation.

"The documents and the statements of the persons in question established beyond doubt the nature of the crime and the French Government has decided to proceed to the immediate expulsion of these persons."

"These persons have intimated their desire to return to the Soviet Union," the communiqué added.

"All facilities have been granted to their families to return with them, if they so wish."

The French Ministry of Foreign

Affairs will also publish a communiqué on the subject, it was learned.

Expulsion Decision

The announcement followed the arrest of a group of Soviet citizens when French security police raided the house of Professor Dimitri Odinetz, former President of the Union of Soviet Citizens, and arrested the professor and a party of visitors.

M. Jules Moch, the French Minister of the Interior, tonight conferred with high police officials on the questioning of Professor Odinetz and the other arrested Soviet citizens.

The expulsion decision was taken directly by M. Moch after M. Georges Bidault, the French Foreign Minister, had been informed, officials of the Ministry of the Interior said, adding that this was the most important decision taken by M. Moch since his assumption of the office last November.

It was learned unofficially that the expulsion order had been applied to 11 persons and was to be put into effect immediately.

Weapons Cache

Prague, Mar. 18. The Ministry of the Interior today announced the discovery of a weapons cache which it said the National Socialists had intended to use in capturing Prague's Ruzyně airport.

The Ministry said a "large number of loaded weapons and considerable supplies of ammunition" were found in the shop of a coal dealer, Stanislav Miksecek, member of the National Socialist Party, near the airport.

The Ministry said the weapons were all of foreign make, with the identification marks filed off, and they had been expertly cared for.—United Press.

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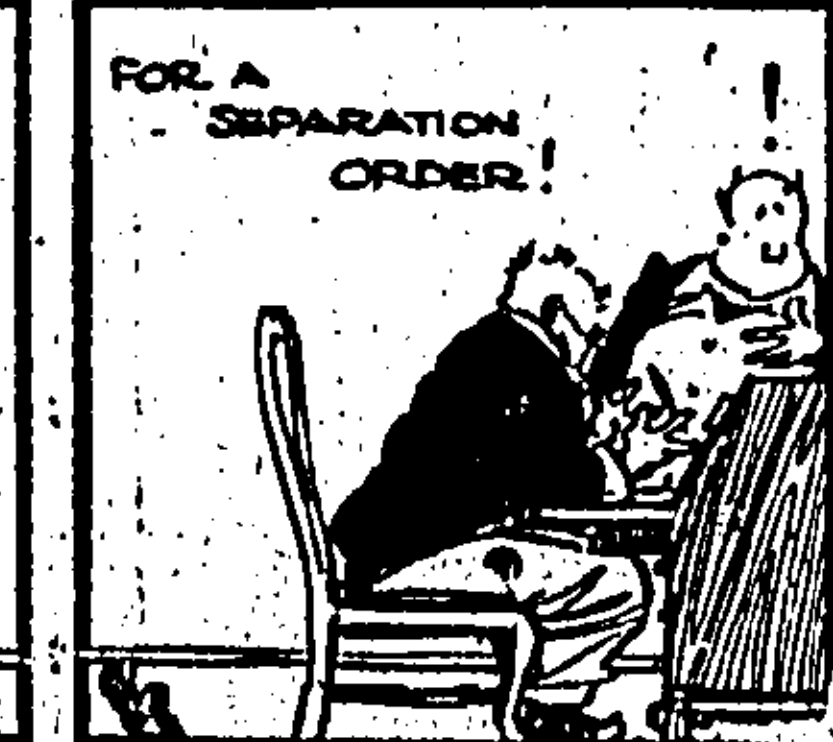
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Narcotic Coup In Peiping

Peiping, Mar. 19. Raiding cleverly-camouflaged narcotic plants gendarmes today arrested 12 Chinese on charges of helping to equip the Communist Army through heroin drug sales in at least three big cities.

The arrests are expected to spread to Shanghai, Tientsin and Sian, where heroin was allegedly smuggled by air to fetch higher prices.

The gendarmes said the ring used their "immeasurable profits" since V-J Day to purchase gasoline, tyres, telephones and other communications equipment for the Red armies. Evidence in the shape of chemicals and printed labels are being prepared for court trial.

The authorities are still seeking five suspects.

Heroin—worth more than its weight in gold—was allegedly manufactured in three scattered workshops. One was behind a bogus grocery store. Another was behind a sliding wall in the chief suspect's bedroom. The third was located in a maze of winding lanes having secret trapdoors, reminiscent of a Sax Rohmer novel.—United Press.

OBITUARY

London, Mar. 18. General Sir Francis Davies, one of the generals responsible for the withdrawal of British troops in the ill-fated Gallipoli campaign in the war, died at his home at Elmley Castle, in Purbrore, Worcestershire. He was 83.—Associated Press.



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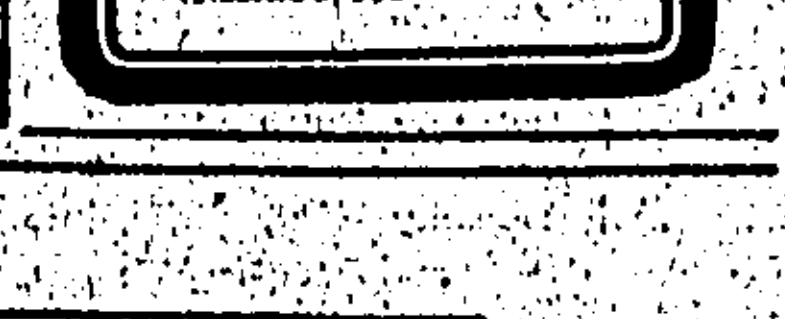
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COLONY'S HEALTHY BUDGET

While there are a number of features of the Colony's Budget which may call for deeper analysis later on, the general impression created by the Financial Secretary's masterly survey is one entitling the community to unreserved satisfaction. In the year just coming to an end, the Government has achieved a healthy surplus balance of over \$30,000,000, and even the natural caution of Mr. Follows has been overcome to the extent that he feels justified in anticipating a further, though smaller, surplus next year and the maintenance of the revenue at more than three times any normal pre-war year.

True, the Budget will be helped out by roughly \$10,000,000, in Income Tax arrears, but equally there are one or two heavy items on the expenditure side which may be regarded as non-recurrent, and if these are eliminated, a near balance is still preserved.

Traditionally, the Government presents this rather comfortable state of affairs lugubriously and places rather more emphasis upon the uncertainties of the future (not without some justification) than it does upon the nature of the achievement, but the taxpayer will view the outlook with rather more enthusiasm, unshaken by the warning that we may be headed for a situation in which, perhaps next year, an increase in tax scales will be essential.

In this matter, it will be urged that economies in Government can possibly achieve the desired result just as effectively, as increases in taxes, and more correctly and appropriately. As Mr. Follows pointed out, this year's budget provides for a total of \$64,500,000 in personal emoluments and H.C.L. allowances alone, which is a staggering sum by any standards.

The impression is given, and borne out by the decision to invite an Efficiency Expert to examine the administrative machine, that this is far greater than it need be, not because Government employees are too highly paid, but because there exists an appreciable proportion of dead wood in the subordinate ranks which could be cut away without sacrifice in efficiency.

Nearly \$10,000,000 of the cost of the civil service goes to pay the lower grades, and there will be ready agreement with Mr. Follows' submission that the prodigality in employment of clerks and office boys which passed without comment when the addition of half a dozen in any department made virtually no impression on the Estimates now calls for a revision of outlook in line with present-day conditions.

Passing to other things, perhaps the most pleasing decisions contained in the Budget are those which are to produce increasing educational facilities in the Colony by the reconstruction of King's College, the Kowloon Junior School and a large Vernacular Primary School in Hong Kong, and by a contribution towards the cost of a further school which Wah Yan College plans to erect in Kowloon. The bill for education has risen now to over \$15,000,000 annually, a figure undreamed of 10 years back, but one which will pay for

"WHERE LIFE BEGINS AT MIDNIGHT"

By Margaret R. Bowes

Macao, the 150-year-old Portuguese peninsula colony, where "life begins at midnight," is a city of contradictions.

While its crime potential is alleged to be abnormally high because of the numbers of pirates, smugglers, gamblers and prostitutes making it an operational centre, there is actually less petty crime here than in any other city of the Far Eastern seaboard.

One good reason for this could be the large numbers of heavily armed police and soldiers patrolling the streets day and night. In addition to Portuguese police officers and their Macanese subordinates, there are

blue-uniformed Portuguese garrison troops and magnificent, khaki-clad black giants from Portugal's African colony.

Perhaps an even better reason for the avoidance of trouble is that it is to everyone's advantage—especially that of smugglers, pirates and black elements.

Compared with Shanghai, Hong Kong and Manila, respectively devastated, looted and devastated during the war, Macao is a picture postcard place. (The only bomb dropped there during the war fell squarely on a hangar in which the Japs had stored gasoline the previous day). Houses are freshly painted

white, pink, yellow, blue and green. So are stores, for by law the painting of premises once every three years is compulsory on pain of fine. The slides and swings in the children's playground are done in a fiery red, the same hue found on park benches scattered throughout the colony.

Macao's 150,000 inhabitants on the whole appear better clothed, better fed and happier than do those in neighbouring communities. The cost of living is lower—for less than four Patacas (approximately US\$1) you can get a seven-course breakfast which includes fruit salad, oatmeal porridge, pork chow with french-fried potatoes, scrambled eggs on toast, pancakes, coffee and rolls, and fresh fruit. There are few street hawkers. During an entire day only one beggar was seen—a blind Chinese led by his daughter and accompanied by a small boy who chanted the familiar "No mama—no papa—no rum-haw" formula.

In spite of the avowed determination of the Government to eliminate them, gambling houses continue to do a flourishing business. And gambling exists in every form from private crap and poker sessions to huge open games of roulette and mahjong.

Macao, like Monte Carlo, has other vices well known to the world's centres of intrigue and pleasure. It has an abundance of opium dens and brothels, not yet swept out by the Governmental cleanup programme.

Nevertheless, Macao no longer attracts the crowds of pleasure-seekers of yore and immediate postwar days. Although weekends bring an influx of visitors from Hong Kong and nearby points in China, Macao's reputation as the Pleasure Paradise of the Far East is fast vanishing. It just isn't the idyllic place expected by the play boys and girls—Associated Press.

Scandinavian Response To Truman

Stockholm, Mar. 18.

The Premiers of Sweden, Norway and Denmark, in a challenge to Communist encroachment, said today that their countries would "choose freedom and democracy before slavery and dictatorship."

The Prime Ministers of the three Scandinavian countries, all Social Democrats, met here while their neighbour in Finland was preparing to negotiate on the Russian request to sign a military treaty.

In speeches in the jammed Concert Hall, they aligned the fate of their countries solidly with Western Europe. Premier Einar Gerhardsen of Norway said the Scandinavian Communists were too

weak to essay a coup or revolution, but he said, "there is reason to believe they will use all their organizing force in the fight to undermine the economy of our countries. The fight against the Marshall Plan and European recovery is one of the steps of this battle. We may expect them to use all chances they have to cause unrest among the working classes and in trade organizations."

Premier Hans Hedtoft of Denmark pleaded for adherence of the three countries in a solid front to the Western powers. He said, "There are two main tendencies in today's Western Europe. On one side are forces which are working for stability and social welfare by cooperation and reconstruction... on the other are Communists, who are using all their powers to increase social unrest and hamper peaceful development."—United Press.

The Army Of Yarmouk

By Joseph Goodwin

Jerusalem, Mar. 18.

Ten thousand trained Arab soldiers, many with wartime experience in foreign armies are today billeted in the hill villages of ancient Samaria.

Their leaders say they will form the spearhead of a powerful force designed to "cancel in blood the Jewish state."

Flanking this army of Yarmouk are other thousands of irregulars who harass Jewish communications.

Arab strength is being increased daily by new contingents of trainees from the big Katana camp in Syria and by raiders trained by tribal leaders in their own camps.

The Yarmouk army, commanded by Fawzi Bey El Kajji, is obviously an efficient fighting machine of men picked from the ranks of tens of thousands of volunteers from all over the Arab world.

The men are mostly young, are dressed in American Army surplus uniforms and well-fed. Morale is high.

Their four pounds ten shillings monthly buys plenty of cigarettes, coffee and sweets. They get regular leaves in town and weekly visits to the Turkish baths.

Many observers express the belief that the Yarmouk army strike as soon as the British leave, "sweeping down from the Samarian hills on to the narrow plains of Sharon in an attempt to cut the coast highway and throw a double loop about the Jewish held crescent along the Mediterranean."

Arab strategists express the belief that volunteer units moving in from Syria and the Lebanon to the north and Egypt to the south will be able to defeat the scattered Jewish settlements in the borderlands and leave the Yarmouk free to crack the coastal tough spots.

Arab confidence that they can defeat the Jews is growing daily but they are not over sure.

"It will be bitter and bloody," said an Iraqi lieutenant who served four years with the British army "but we will take them. They have a tiny beachhead. We have an Arab world behind us. We can fight for years if necessary, but with the men we have got we should break them down in a month."—Associated Press.

COMMON POT

Budapest, Mar. 18.

The Hungarian Communist and Socialist parties have formed their first common body to supersede the existing mixed Executive Committee in the district of Budapest, it was announced today.

Earlier this month, the Social Democratic leader in the Hungarian Parliament announced that a joint committee of the Social Democratic and Communist parties would be formed to advocate the fusion of the two parties.—Reuter.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

"THE AUTHORITY ON AUTHORITIES"

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DQ 9 4 3
CA 10 2
SJ 9 7 6
H 10 6 4
DK J 8 6
CQ 6

(Dealer: South. East-West vulnerable.)

	South	North	East
1. 1 C	Pass	1 NT	Pass
2. 2 C	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3. 3 NT	Pass	3 NT	Pass

The bidding given under the No. 1 sequence above is what actually occurred on this rubber bridge deal. South later regretted his pass of the 2-No Trumps, as he saw North take ten tricks after East led a heart. He had a reason for his pass—that he feared a diamond lead and his hand was barely better than an utter minimum, whose strength was empty, almost, when he realized that the limited response

North should not have blamed South for his pass at less than a game. Better bidding on his own part would have been something like that given in the second sequence. As soon as South heard from North that the diamond suit was plugged up in some fashion, his own bid of 1-No Trump would have made it clear that he could take full responsibility for the two unnamed major suits.

Hearing South bid 1-N Trump after the diamond call would have shown North then that his own hand had pretty fair surplus strength above the minimum for 1-Diamond—the extent of an extra Q, J and 10, very useful cards opposite a sound No Trump bidder. He therefore could have raised comfortably to 2-No Trump. South thereupon could have noted that his holding was a bit better than absolute minimum for his first two bids, so should have stepped out the additional distance to game.

Tomorrow's Problem

SK 9 8 6
H None
DQ J 10 8 5 3
CK 8 6
SJ 7 4 3
H 10 6 4
DK J 8 6
CQ 6

(Dealer: North. Neither side vulnerable.)

West had bid the red suits yesterday and leads the diamond. How should South play?

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"And Junior got the latest thing in electric trains—it comes completely equipped with handcuffs for his father!"

Communist Purge Debate Refused

London, Mar. 18.

The leader of the House of Commons, Mr. Herbert Morrison, today refused a demand for a full-dress Commons debate on the "purge" of Communists from certain British Government positions, announced earlier this week by the Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee.

Forty-one "rebel" Members had signed a petition asking for a debate and the request was made formally this afternoon by Mr. Harold Davies (Lab.).

Mr. Morrison's refusal to grant a debate brought criticism from all sides, with the Conservatives, Mr. Churchill (Cons) and Mr. Gallacher (Communist) both arguing that a debate should be held on the principle of the "purge."

Mr. Churchill finally served notice that the Conservatives, although "in the main in support of the measure," would formally demand that a full day be devoted to the debate.

Mr. Davies requested a debate "in view of the grave feeling in the country" concerning announced plans to remove suspected subversives from the Civil Service.

"He talks about feeling in the country," said Mr. Morrison. "My view is that there is something of a feeling of relief in the country."

Mr. Gallacher, who was invited earlier this week when he attempted to sign the "Red Tag" when the "purge" was announced, said heatedly: "Apart from whether there is concern or relief in the country, it is not the case that this is a very serious statement, with serious consequences for some people? I thought the leader of the House was deeply concerned about minorities."

Trampling Feet

Interrupted by cries of "Oh" from both sides, Mr. Gallacher retorted: "If you listen, you will hear the tramp of many million feet and before long maybe the laugh will be the other way round."

Major Tufton Beamish (Cons) suggested that Mr. Attlee's statement raised constitutional questions. "If there were adequate feeling in the House that the Government were taking the improper constitutional course, the right thing to do would be to put down a motion of censure," said Mr. Morrison.

Mr. Churchill said: "In the main we are in support of the measures which the Government with great reluctance have felt it their duty to take in the interests of public security. Nevertheless, as Members of the House of Commons, we must recognize that it raises large issues which probably would be clarified by Parliamentary discussion. Important executive action has been taken by the Government to find the proper adequate time for discussion."—United Press.

Foreign Policy

London, Mar. 18. Mr. Herbert Morrison today announced that a foreign affairs debate would be held in the House of Commons after the Easter recess.

Six Deputies Deprived Of Immunity

Prague, Mar. 18.

Six Czechoslovak Members of Parliament, among them M. Jan Ursing, former Slovak Democratic Vice-Premier, were today deprived of their Parliamentary immunity on charges of "conspiracy and treason."

The other five Members were Dr. Fedor Hudza, former secretary of the Slovak Democrats, Dr. Vladimir Kralina, secretary of the Czechoslovak Socialist Party, and M. Alois Cizek, M. Bohuslav Dec and M. Otto Hora, all of the Socialist Party.

The Privileges Committee of the National Assembly was asked by the Ministry of the Interior to suspend the immunity of these deputies on the grounds that they had taken part in espionage and destroying the evidence of "a Slovak conspiracy against the State."

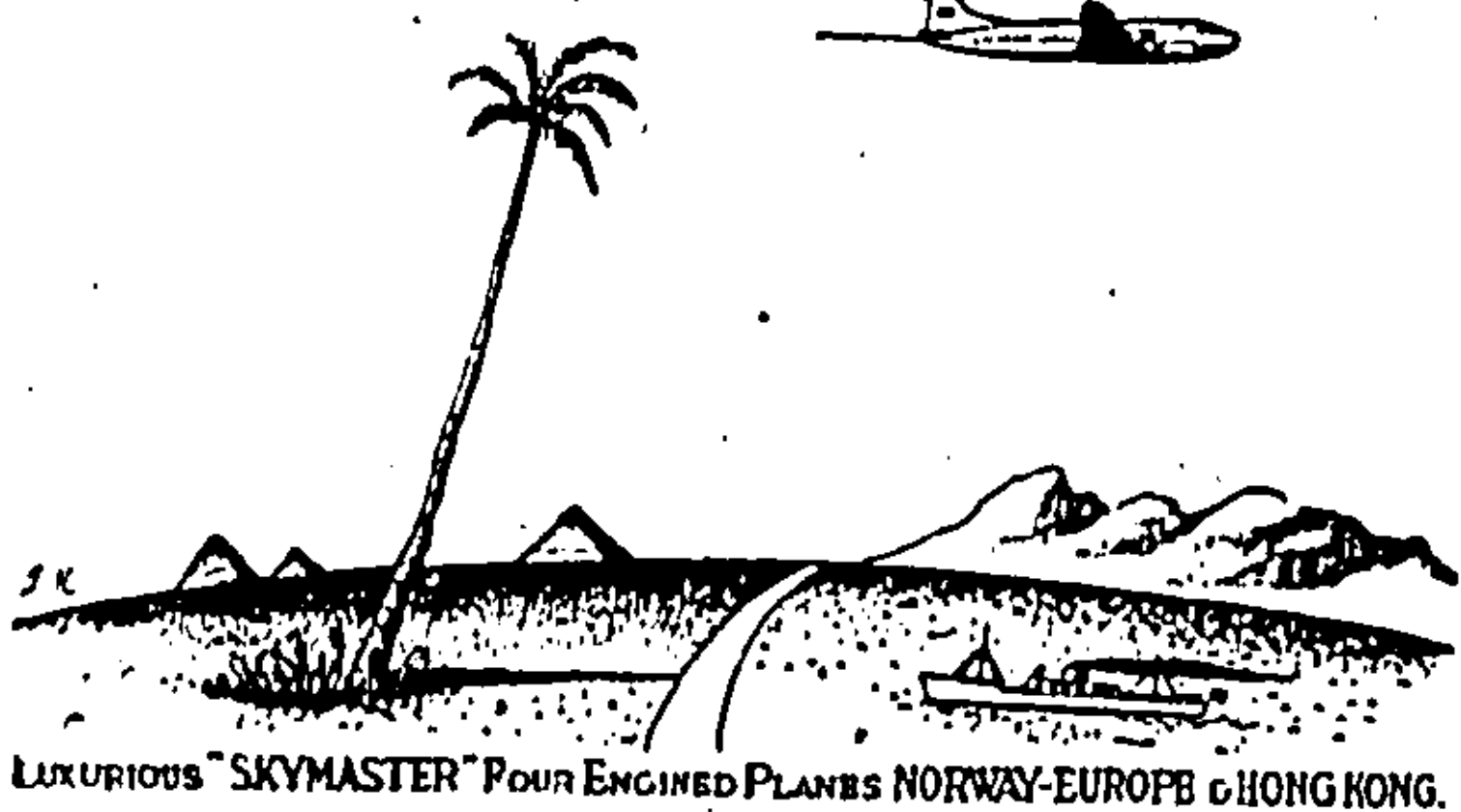
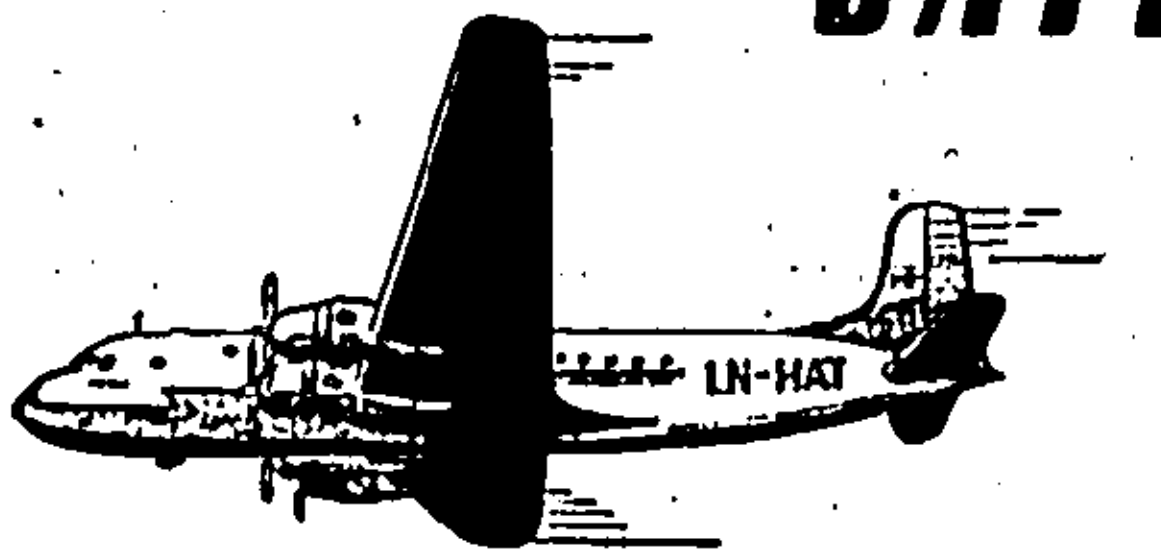
The arms and ammunition found in a house at Ruzna, near Prague, were believed to be intended for a Czechoslovak National Socialist rising with Ruzna airfield as an objective, the Czechoslovak news agency reported today. The Ministry of the Interior said the arms were found in the house of a Stanislaw Mikalicki, a coal merchant at Ruzna and a member of the Czechoslovak National Socialist Party.—Reuter.

GENERAL WU'S CALL

Shanghai, Mar. 18.

General Wu Te-chun, Secretary-General of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee, called on the Chinese people to rise as a united man against the Communists as the Western European countries are doing. In a speech at Taipei, capital of Formosa, yesterday, he asserted that the present conflict in China was only part of Communist tactics designed to bring about another World War.—Reuter.

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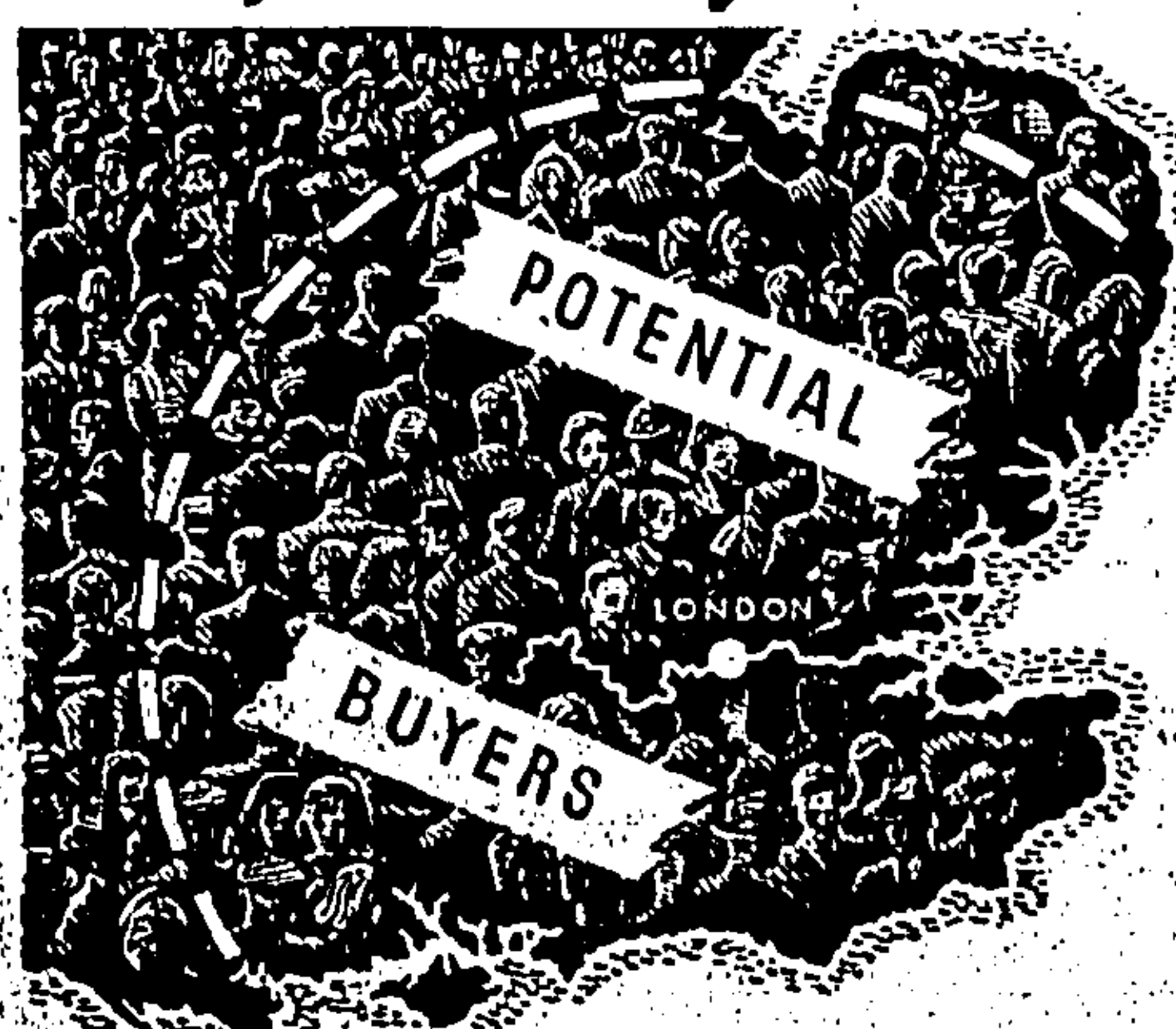
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"A QUIET COLD TERROR" Seeds Of Counter-Revolution In Prague M.P. On Situation In Czechoslovakia

London, Mar. 18.
Mr. Richard Crossman, Left Wing Labour Member of Parliament who has just returned from Prague, said today that Czechoslovakia was gripped by a "very quiet cold terror" and he believed that the beginning of a counter-revolution was under way.

Mr. Crossman added that Premier Gottwald's government "at the moment are using soft methods, but if there is one incident, there might be a complete crackdown."

In an interview published by the "Star," Mr. Crossman said he believed Premier Gottwald, by driving the opposition underground, was in fact creating the conspiracy which the Communists claimed to have frustrated in their seizure of power.

"I do not think there is a new set-up yet," said Mr. Crossman. "But I am fairly confident it is the beginning of a revolution." He likened the situation in Czechoslovakia to that in Germany in 1933-34, when the Nazis took power "by not too undemocratic means."

"You don't have a revolution. You get power first in a coalition—then you eliminate the coalition."

"This is a Communist coup by local Communists and they are really tough fellows. The Russians were ostentatiously 'not there'."

"But that really means that you have a class war with workers on one side and the middle classes on the other."

Mr. Crossman, who went to Prague and laid a wreath on the grave of the late Foreign Minister, M. Jan Masaryk, after the funeral, said that des-

pite the feeling of terror, he found no evidence of concentration camps and believe there was little ill-treatment of the people.

"No responsible Czech politician thinks of war," he said. "But a number of Czech elements think it is the only way now."

"It is terrible. You have passionate class hatred, with the working class pretty solid behind the government. They are the victors and they are being played up all the time."

"The middle classes are merely grumbling before they are turned into either sullen or active opponents of the regime. A number of people would be prepared to do anything."

United Press.

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The full passenger list is being withheld pending the investigation of a report that one crew member died after bailing out.—Reuter.

Cleveland, Mar. 18.
Mr. Harold Stassen, a candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination, said here today that the Communist Party "should be promptly outlawed in America"—Reuter.

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Tientsin, Mar. 19.
Three large carpets manufactured here for Princess Elizabeth as a present of the British residents in China are being packed for transport to Shanghai where they will be exhibited prior to forwarding to London.

The three carpets will cover a total area of 700 square feet.—United Press.

National Health Scheme

London, Mar. 18.
The Ministry of Health hopes to announce this weekend the names of nearly 200 hospitals to be exempted from the National Health Service.

The majority of the hospitals to be excluded from the Service will be those run by religious bodies and organisations with hospitals exclusively for their members.

There are a few outstanding examples yet to be determined," the Ministry spokesman said.

Lists of hospitals for exemption are being submitted to the Ministry by regional hospital boards and not all of them have yet reached Whitehall.—Reuter.

Passengers Bail Out Over Berlin

Berlin, Mar. 18.
Brigadier General Telford Taylor, chief of the United States War Crimes prosecution team at Nuremberg, was among the nine passengers and crew who baled out of an American Dakota transport aircraft which developed engine trouble today over the Soviet sector of Berlin.

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Paris, Mar. 18.
The National Defence Commission of the French Assembly today adopted a measure for the provision of military credits during April and May to the value of 55 milliards.

The measure, which was opposed by the Communist members, was to be debated in the Assembly later today.—Reuter.

Surprise Move By Gottwald

Prague, Mar. 18.
Czech Government quarters said today that a successor to Foreign Minister Jan Masaryk will be named "within a matter of hours."

Speculation in informed circles suggested that Edenek Floringer, Social Democratic leader who persuaded Masaryk to cooperate with the Communists, would receive the appointment as Foreign Minister.

President Benes who has still made no comment on the Czech Government crisis was visited on Wednesday by the Premier, Klement Gottwald.

On Wednesday he received the Defence Minister, General Svoboda, and other high officials of the Czech Army.

The activities were of a nature usually preceding important Government changes.

Parliament, since the crisis completely dominated by Communists, produced a surprise today with the re-election of Josef David, conspicuous National Socialist as President.

The Communists held the power to shelve David with the slightest gesture. Decision to

Fizzling Out At Lake Success

Lake Success, Mar. 18.
The strong possibility arose today that the United Nations debate on the Czech case would dwindle away with no attempts at serious Security Council action.

Reliable sources reported that the United States, Britain and France were not prepared to press for a decisive Council follow-up of charges that Russia threatened peace by supervising the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia.

It was believed that hesitation by the Western powers ruled out any possible action in the Security Council outside some loud accusations by members of the Council's majority and some counter-thrusts by Russia, Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Ukraine.

According to an official source, the United States has decided to take a back seat throughout the debate.

United States support would be necessary to get Council backing for any serious move, and it would also need the assent of London and Paris, but the best information available indicated that the Western countries had decided against pressing action despite their concern over the Czech situation and their conviction that the Kremlin was directly responsible.

The attitude was believed to stem from the belief that it would be difficult or impossible to produce irrefutable evidence that the coup was internationally manipulated and was not merely a domestic affair. Without such proof, the Council's majority would be unable ethically to attempt United Nations action against Russia.

United Press.

HIGHLY INTERESTED

Geneva, Mar. 18.
The Soviet Union and the nations within her sphere will participate in full strength in the United Nations conference on "Freedom of Information," opening in Geneva March 21, it was learned on Thursday.

The USSR itself will be represented by a 16-member delegation.—Associated Press.

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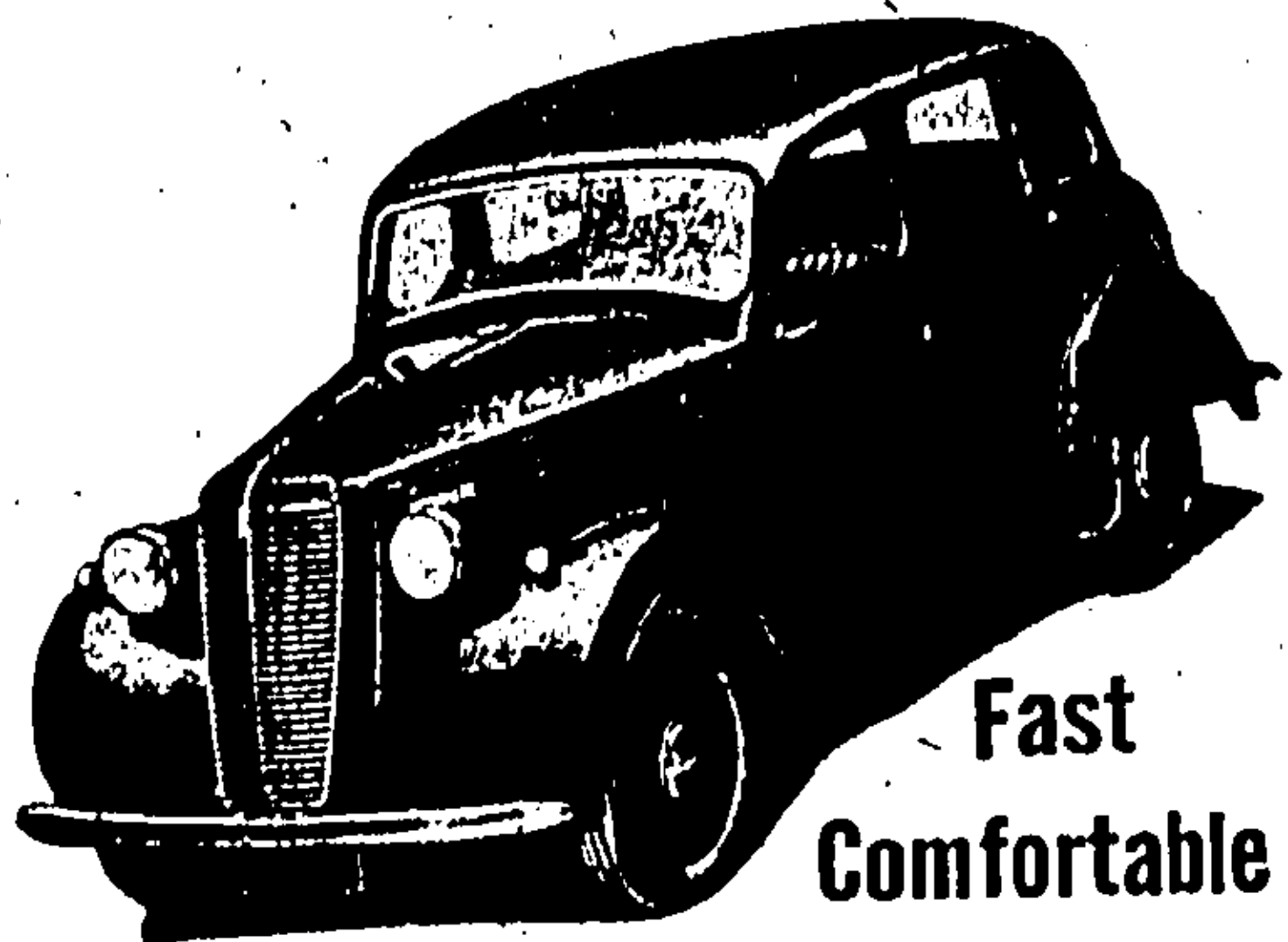
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By OUR MOTURING CORRESPONDENT

One of the most attractive-looking saloons on the road, the Sunbeam-Talbot proves, on closer inspection and handling, to be not only stylish but also a fast little car which combines splendid top-gear performance with the sure-footedness (so to speak) and responsiveness that one comes to associate with the sports car pure and simple.

It comes in two sizes, the "Ten" (or 1.2 litre) and the "Two" (or 1.4 litre). The body and dimensions are almost the same in both models, but the bigger engine not only gives improved performance and a slightly higher cruising speed but, so with no perceptible increase in petrol consumption. The engine, too, is another, for the added horses under the aluminium cylinder head mean that one can get performance without having to tune the works to the "Ten". The result is a thoroughly likeable car, which can wobble along at a steady 10 miles an hour in traffic, accelerate quite smartly when occasion demands and pull strongly and without faltering up all normal hills to be found in the New Territories.

So far as comfort is concerned, the Sunbeam-Talbot 2-litre makes no pretension at providing the "floating-on-clouds" springing of its larger cousin. It is officially classed as a sports saloon, which means it expects to run at a higher speed than normal—and how that smooth four hates being back!—and to corner rapidly and with a minimum of body-roll or wandering. The springing is, therefore, on the firm side.

At the same time, it is by no means harsh. Sunbeam-Talbot retain the system of rigid axles and half-elliptic springs, but careful planning has resulted in a most effective compromise between the requirements of the sports-car driver and those of the saloon owner.

Quick Response

So far as road-handling is concerned, the Sunbeam-Talbot seems to respond to the slightest wish of the driver with the docility of a bicycle. Varying surfaces and road cambers have no appreciable effect on the steering, which has a useful self-centring action. A driver who tends to oversteer slightly when body-roll sets in—but it remains completely controllable.

Somewhat surprisingly on a sports saloon, the gear-changes prove to be on the slow side. The clutch has to be pressed well home and there is an appreciable delay in changing both up and down; that, however, is the penalty one must expect to pay for a really first-class, always synchronous gearbox. In fairness, Sunbeam-Talbot one must say that the car has such an amazing top-gear performance that one hardly ever need call on the lower ratios, and then only in circumstances where a snappy change is unnecessary.

One other difficulty encountered during the test was in engaging first or second with the car at rest. On checking this point with several satisfied Sunbeam-Talbot owners, we were amazed to find we knew at least five—we discovered that this was probably due to too thick an oil being used. Two of them, reported that on shifting to a slightly lighter grade this difficulty vanished.

Smooth Running

The engine must be one of the smoothest fours in production. It makes itself felt with encouraging lustiness in the lower gear ratios, but in top is as quiet and effortless as any normal six of equal horse-power. Indeed, a fully run-in and properly tuned engine would probably bear favourable comparison with much bigger sixes of the American school.

Seating is provided for four passengers, and no pretence is made at accommodating more. The front seats are individually adjustable, and there is a full footroom for all four passengers. The driving position is a comfortable one, with a spring-spoke steering wheel which is adjustable for rake, and excellent vision over the long bonnet. A driver of normal height will find the near-side wing visible, though it tends to be masked by the rear-view mirror which sticks up from the top of the fella.

The instruments, which are in the centre of the fascia and are not masked by the steering wheel, are calibrated in both the British and metric systems. There are two large dials, one of which contains the amps, fuel and oil gauges and the other the speedometer, trip and mileage metres and a small clock. The trafficator and dipping switches for the steering wheel, are provided for all four passengers, and these sitting in the back are further looked after by both side and centre (folding) arm-rests. Other practical features are pockets on both front doors, rubber mats on the floor of the front compartment (which is the more often used of the two) and ordinary carpets in the rear compartment.

Light And Airy

The interior of the car is light and airy, thanks to an ingenious pillarless system in the rear section of the body which defies our powers of description but really does work, even though it looks as though it shouldn't. With the

rear passengers sitting almost over the back axle, the rear doors are somewhat restricted by the wheel arches, but one can enter and leave the compartment without difficulty.

The present tendency is to have a fixed windscreen, but fortunately for those who have to drive in the summer in places like Hong Kong and Singapore, Sunbeam-Talbot have resisted the temptation to follow suit. An opening windscreen and a bonnet louvre, plus a sliding roof, all make for cooler and therefore more pleasant motoring during those torrid days and nights when the air seems to have come straight from the hottest corner of a Turkish bath.

The Sunbeam-Talbot is not a cheap car. It is well-built, well-planned, meant to last, and so stand up to hard driving.

In addition, it is one of the smartest cars on the road and for once one can quote a car's own advertisements with approval. Wherever the Sunbeam-Talbot goes it is the centre of attraction, its swiftness in traffic, its sparkling performance on the main open road, and its elegance all mark it as an exclusive car.



The Sunbeam-Talbot which is the subject of our Motoring Correspondent's article this week.

Data

MAKE AND MODEL:—Sunbeam-Talbot 4-door sports saloon with sliding roof.

ENGINE:—Four-cylinder (1,944 cc.) side-valve; develops 50 BHP at 3,800 rpm; compression ratio, 8.4 to one; Stromberg down-draught carburetor, with automatic choke; mechanical fuel-pump and by-pass oil filter.

TRANSMISSION:—Four-speed, synchromesh; Ratios, 4.44, 6.62, 10.07 and 15.83 to one; Borg and Beck clutch; Hardy Spicer propeller shaft; spiral bevel final drive.

SUSPENSION:—Half-elliptics front and rear.

BRAKES:—Lockheed hydraulic, with 10-inch drums.

STEERING GEAR:—Dorman Douglas worm and nut; 2-1/3 turns of steering wheel, lock to lock; left and right hand locks, 37 feet turning circle.

TIRES AND WHEELS:—Dunlop 5.25 x 18 tires on disc wheels. Tire pressures, 28 lb. front, 28 lb. rear.

DIMENSIONS:—Wheelbase, 8 ft. 2 in., overall length, 13 ft. 3 in., overall width, 5 ft.; overall height, 4 ft. 11 in.; ground clearance, 6 in.

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New Team Of Racing Cars

Automobile Developments Ltd., are to build a new team of British racing cars for the international Grand Prix races, the aim being to produce a basic design which will permit of long-term development without the need of re-applying. The design will include a 16-cylinder engine produced in co-operation with Rolls-Royce, and alternative systems of four-wheel independent suspension will be tried. The cars will be known as B.R.M.—British Racing Motors—and are being designed and built by the men who designed the famous E.R.A. racing car before the war. Apart from making the outstanding performance of United Kingdom cars even more widely known overseas, the project should also supply much important technical information to assist in the development of British cars generally.

The Controller of Supplies in Cyprus has announced that import licences for both British and American cars will be greatly reduced on account of the economic crisis. Petrol will in future be distributed under Government control.

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A through express bus service between Hangchow and Mokshan has been provided by the Mokshan Residents' Association. The bus will leave Hangchow Hotel, 132 Yin-Tse Road, Hangchow, daily at 7.30 a.m., arriving in Mokshan at 9.30 a.m. The return bus will leave Mokshan at 1.30 p.m., arriving at Hangchow's Shanghai-Hangchow-Nanking Railway Station at 3.30 p.m.

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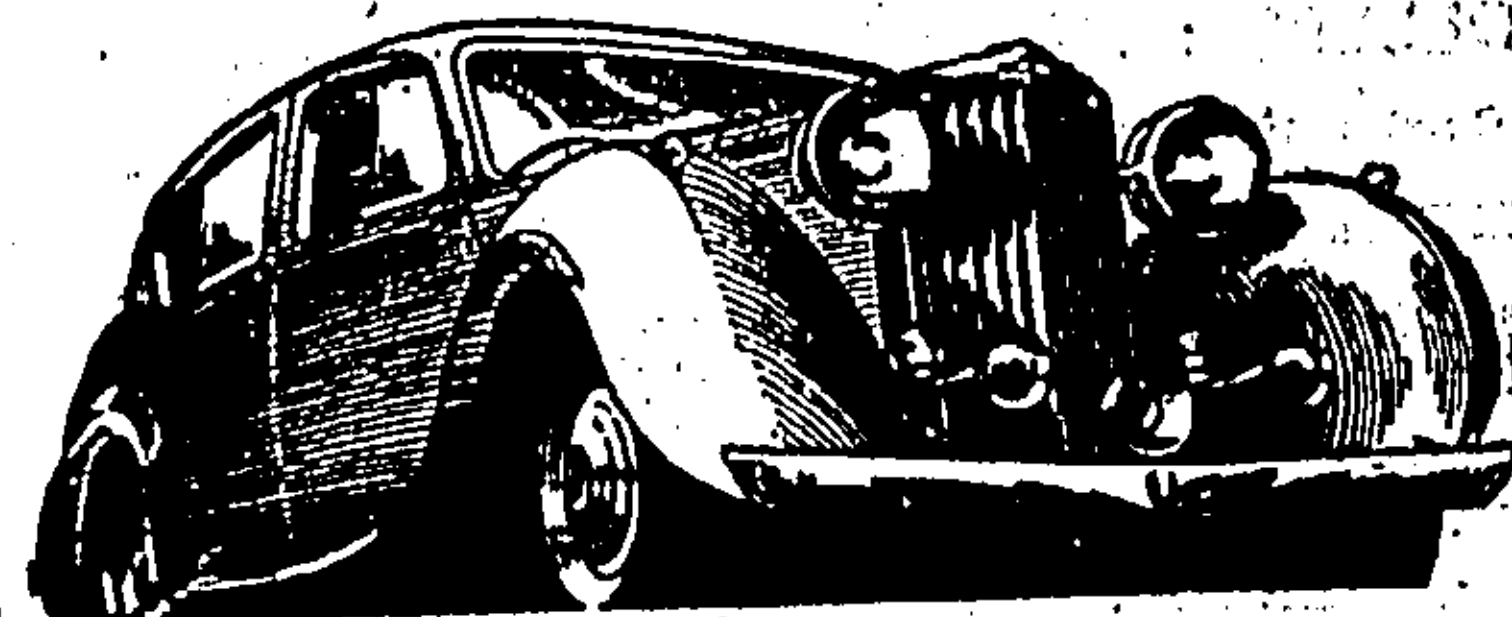


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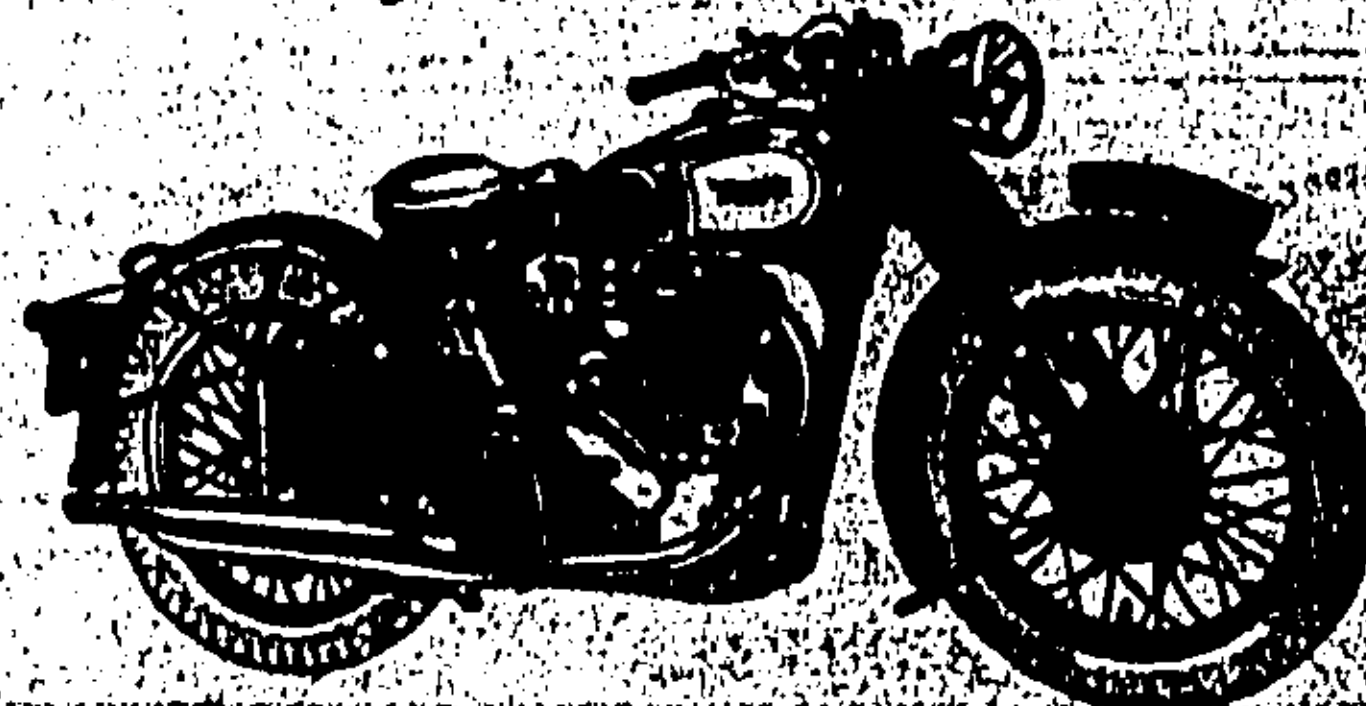
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TRUMAN'S NEW APPROACH

Sharp Attacks By Europe's Red Press

"The Language Of Menace"

London, Mar. 19.

Heavy black headlines in both morning and evening newspapers throughout Europe announced Mr. Truman's address. Editorial reaction cut across all lines except that followed by the Communist press.

In Paris, the Conservative "Le Figaro" said that President Truman "announced so clearly a radical change in the United States military policy that one can rightly take it as a categorical warning to the U.S.S.R." The extreme Left Wing "France Libre" said "the men of the Western bloc spoke the same language in Washington and in Brussels, the language of menace." Russian-controlled newspapers in Berlin characterized the speech as a "firebrand talk" and a "panic speech."

Germany's anti-Communist, however, welcomed the President's declaration as evidence that the United States is prepared to "support the fight for freedom" with more than economic help. "L'Humanite", the French Communist organ, said that the coincidence of President Truman's address and the signing of the Brussels treaty "is not fortuitous" and added:

"Atlantic Bloc"

"The Western bloc as it was signed, became the Atlantic bloc and the Brussels pact and Mr. Truman have foreseen in detail the cases where repressive military action could be used on a joint agreement. Czechoslovakia's Communist press gave scant attention to the speech and much of the slight notice accorded was in a reproachful vein.

The headline of the nominally Social Democratic "Pravda Lida" was on page two.

American Coal Strike

New York, Mar. 18.

Their refusal of 350,000 of John L. Lewis' Mine Workers to work "came nearer today to having direct effect on the public."

Although advancing spring lessened the menace of empty coal bins in private homes, the miner's stay at home campaign in support of pension demands had these results:

Government decrees cut use of coal burning locomotives for passenger service by 25 percent, starting at midnight on Sunday, and banned foreign shipments of soft coal in April.

Steel companies began closing their blast furnaces, heralding a slump in steel production.

Meanwhile, meat supplies started to dwindle as 100,000 Congress of Industrial Organizations' Packinghouse Workers rounded out their third day on strike against four major packers in support of a 29-cent hourly wage increase demand. A Union proposal that Government face finding panel sitting at Chicago arbitrate on the strike issue was rejected by the packers.—Associated Press.

Words Clear

In Brussels the Catholic Paper "Het Volk" expressed the hope that the speech made it clear to Soviet leaders that "they cannot go on indefinitely with their policy and will have to change their line."

"His words were clear," said the Independent "Nation Belge" and "are a last warning to Russia and also a forecast that the United States guarantee will be extended to all democratic nations." Newspapers in Finland, expected soon to sign a treaty with the Soviet Union, devoted columns to the address. None, however, commented editorially.

In Helsinki, the bannerline of "Vapaa Sana", organ of the Communist-dominated People's Democratic Party, said: "Truman is leading the guns-calls for universal military training and threatening with direct action."

Italian press comment also was sharply varied. The Communist Unitar contrasted Washington's "policy of peace" with Moscow's "policy of war" and pointed to President Truman's call for conscription at the same time as Russia is discharging some of her army classes.

"Gratuitous Intrusion" "Avanti", organ of the pro-Communist Socialist Party, reiterated the charge that Premier Alcide de Gasperi is "enslaved" by the United States and accused Mr. Truman of "gratuitous intrusion" in Italian affairs while the moderate Socialist Umanita warns that "bloody mean war while Socialism is peace and progress."

The press of the centre and right welcomed the President's speech—Voco Repubblica, organ of the Republican Party, said it prayed that "the United States intends to act in the defence of European democracy." The weekly "Stateman and Nation" which speaks for the moderate Left in the British Labour Party, said: "It is possible that (the military pact) by the Western powers will lead to a decision by the U.S.S.R. that it is dangerous to hasten the Communist revolution. Russia may seek an agreement with America on the basis of spheres of influence. It is to be hoped that the effect is not to persuade the Kremlin that war is inevitable."—Associated Press.

Closed Doors

Stockholm, Mar. 18. Unofficial reports before the meeting of the three Scandinavian leaders last night said they would discuss their countries' internal fight against Communism and no official communiqué will be issued after the meeting.

The Premier talked for five hours behind closed doors.—Reuter.

Russians To Be Deported

Manila, Mar. 19.

Three Russians have been ordered deported as undesirable aliens, but the Philippines is faced with a problem in having to negotiate with the Soviet Union because the two countries have not recognized each other.

The Russians—Victor A. Brovsky, Charles K. Andreu and V. N. Chirkoff—were engaging in Communist activities.

The Immigration Commission wants to ship them to Russia aboard a Russian ship, due at the end of the month to unload a cement cargo. Brovsky and Andreu were deported last June to Shanghai, whence they originally came, but the Chinese authorities there refused to readmit them. Chirkoff was arrested in Pampanga recently and found to be in contact with the Hukbalahap.

It is understood that three other Russians are being screened by the Government and may also be deported.—United Press.

QUICK TOUR

Washington, Mar. 18.

Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, set off from Washington today on a quick tour to convince the American people that the defence legislation, outlined by the President yesterday, is needed.

He will speak for the programme tomorrow morning at Charter Day exercises of the University of California at Berkeley, and on Saturday afternoon at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Mr. Marshall is making the trip to the West Coast in President Truman's plane, the "Sacred Cow", and expects to return to Washington on Sunday.—Reuter.

Nanking Aircraft Regulations

Nanking, Mar. 19.

The Executive Yuan today proclaimed a series of regulations governing the entry of foreign aircraft into Chinese territory, which apply to all cases except otherwise specified by international pacts, to which China is a signatory.

The regulations provide, firstly, that prior application must be filed through diplomatic channels or via the Ministry of Communications for approval of the Chinese Air Force headquarters.

Such applications, except in special cases, must be filed 15 days before the intended flight.

Secondly, foreign aircraft entering Chinese territory (except passing in transit) must carry flight permit and other relevant papers, including passenger and cargo lists. The flight must be conducted within 16 kilometres on either side of the designated route and landing must be made at a designated airport.

Thirdly, foreign aircraft entering or passing over Chinese territory must disarm beforehand and not carry carrier pigeons and other contraband.

Fourthly, flight personnel and passengers carrying cameras and binoculars must turn the same over to responsible officials on the aircraft before entering Chinese territory.—Reuter-APF.

Melbourne, Mar. 18.

Large-scale cultivation of sunflowers is being investigated by the British Overseas Food Corporation. Oil from sunflowers is considered excellent for use in margarine.—United Press.

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"TRESILLIAN"	Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Aden, Port Said, Genoa, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam (Amsterdam).	16th Apr.
"TREVEAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	1st May
"TREVELYAN"	Shanghai	29th Apr.
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"ANHUI" S/Amoy, Swatow, Hoihow, Saigon, Singapore, Penang 10 a.m. 25th Mar.
"SINKIANG" S/Singapore, Macassar, Sourabaya, Semarang, Cinghoun Batavia & Banka 11 a.m. 25th Mar.
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Mar. 20, BOAC (Capt. Payne), 4 p.m.

Mar. 22, BOAC (Capt. Foster), 4 p.m.

Singapore via Bangkok
Mar. 21, Cathay Pacific, 12 p.m.

Mar. 24, Cathay Pacific, 3 p.m.

Departures To:
Boole via Bangkok
Mar. 20, BOAC (Capt. Harris), 8 a.m.

Manila
Mar. 20, Philippine Airlines, 1 p.m.

Mar. 22, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

Mar. 23, Cathay Pacific, 12.30 p.m.

Saloon
Mar. 20, Air France, 7.30 a.m.

Mar. 22, BOAC (Capt. Briggs), 7.30 a.m.

Shanghai
Daily, CNAO, 11.45 a.m.

Mar. 20, H.K. Airways, 10 a.m.

Mar. 23, H.K. Airways, 10 a.m.

H.K. Airways, thrice daily:
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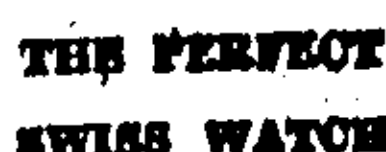
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